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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 12 with the following amended claim:

12. (Amended) A method in accordance with claim 11, wherein the steps of converting the active video top half field and of converting the active video bottom half field each includes concurrently processing a predetermined number of lines of the respective top half field and bottom half field, whereby the step of converting defines a predetermined number of phases, wherein the step of converting the active video bottom half field further includes the step of adjusting the phase with which the bottom half field is converted to match an ending processing phase of the top half field.

Respectfully Submitted,

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12. (Amended) A method in accordance with claim ~~10~~11, wherein the steps of converting the active video top half field and of converting the active video bottom half field each includes concurrently processing a predetermined number of lines of the respective top half field and bottom half field, whereby the step of converting defines a predetermined number of phases, wherein the step of converting the active video bottom half field further includes the step of adjusting the phase with which the bottom half field is converted to match an ending processing phase of the top half field.